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## CYBERSPACE TRAINING MISSION A BOOST FOR KEESLER

Jackson, Mississippi – Governor Haley Barbour today applauded the U.S. Air Force's decision to base its new Undergraduate Cyberspace Training unit at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi.

The training will include how to design, secure, assess, exploit, attack and defend various communication networks, including telephones, Internet protocol, satellite, land mobile radio, industrial control systems, integrated air defense and tactical data link.

"Placing the Undergraduate Cyberspace Training at Keesler expands Mississippi's already substantial role in our national defense, and carries significant potential for economic development over the long term," Governor Barbour said. "This further expands Keesler's critical role as one of our nation's premier Air Force bases, and the budget increase for start-up plus the increase in students and instructors will be good for the Gulf Coast economy."

The initial student load for Undergraduate Cyberspace Training at Keesler will be about 615 students with an estimated increase of about 60 permanent party instructors. The first class is scheduled to start in 2010.

(insert quotes from Cochran, Wicker, Taylor)

As part of the selection process, a survey team from the Air Education and Training Command in San Antonio, Texas, visited Keesler to evaluate billeting, dining, classroom facilities, and base team support, including utilities, community planning, base communications capability, environmental factors, and anti-terrorism issues. The team reported that Keesler is well positioned for a 2010 start-up of Undergraduate Cyber Training. The security sensitive portion of Keesler's existing training facilities will be expanded to accommodate this increase in classified training.



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